

Linking words

IELTS SPEAKING (INFORMAL/NEUTRAL)

Addition

ON TOP OF THAT
OTHER THAN THAT
APART FROM THAT
WHAT'S MORE/ BESIDES
ANOTHER (PROBLEM, TIP...) IS
NOT ONLY...BUT ALSO
BOTH...AND
ALSO/ AS WELL/ TOO
AS WELL AS

Contrast

BUT/THOUGH
ALTHOUGH
YET
HAVING SAID THAT
ON THE OTHER HAND
THE FLIP SIDE IS...
UNLIKE
WHEREAS
WHILE

Comparison

LIKEWISE
SIMILARLY
IN THE SAME WAY
EQUALLY

Cause/ Effect

BECAUSE / AS/ SINCE
BECAUSE OF
THANKS TO

SO
FOR THAT REASON
AND THAT'S WHY
AS A RESULT
AS A CONSEQUENCE

Condition

IF
IN CASE
UNLESS
AS LONG AS
EVEN IF
AS IF

Sequence/Time

FOR ONE THING...
...FOR ANOTHER THING
FOR A START/ FIRST OF ALL
THESE DAYS
AT THE MOMENT
RECENTLY/ LATELY
IN THE PAST
AT THAT TIME
YEARS AGO

Reference

REGARDING
CONCERNING
AS FOR
IN TERMS OF
-WISE

Opinion

AS I SEE IT
I SUPPOSE/ I GUESS/ I BELIEVE
HONESTLY/ TO BE HONEST
I'D SAY THAT
IT'S MY BELIEF THAT
IN MY VIEW/ IN MY OPINION
FROM MY POINT OF VIEW
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED

Example

FOR EXAMPLE
FOR INSTANCE
LIKE
SUCH AS
ONE SUCH EXAMPLE IS
NAMELY
SPECIFICALLY
FOR ONE THING

Relative pronouns

THAT
WHICH
WHO
WHOM
WHOSE
WHEN
WHERE

Emphasis/Attitude

IN FACT/ ACTUALLY
UNFORTUNATELY/ FORTUNATELY
THANKFULLY
APPARENTLY/ CLEARLY
BASICALLY
SURELY/ CERTAINLY
OF COURSE/ NATURALLY
NO DOUBT/ UNDOUBTEDLY

